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MORNEAU FUMES AS TORIES TARGET FATHER

Is it just a coincidence that both he and his father sold millions of dollars worth of shares a week before he introduced tax increases?

— TORY MP PIERRE POILIEVRE

I have a level of disgust for what is going on in the other side of the House. I did not know the member from Carleton could sink any lower.

— FINANCE MINISTER BILL MORNEAU



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BRIAN PLATT

OTTAWA • Tempers flared Thursday in parliament as Finance Minister Bill Morneau, furious about his father being dragged into the controversy over his personal finances, accused opposition MPs of stooping to new depths and slandering his family.

Question period became so raucous as accusations were flung across the aisle that Conservative MP Blake Richards — who was heckling Morneau — was ejected by Speaker Geoff Regan and escorted out by the sergeant-at-arms. It marks the first time in 15 years an MP has been temporarily booted out of the House of Commons.

Morneau says the opposition is being wilfully ignorant, and using the legal protection of parliamentary privilege to insinuate he engaged in illegal behaviour. But Morneau also remains reluctant to provide details about his own personal financial decisions.

The commotion was kicked off by a Global News report that Morneau's father, William F. Morneau Sr., sold a total of 200,000 Morneau Shepell shares in the two weeks leading up to a Dec. 7, 2015 announcement on raising the income tax rate on wealthy Canadians. (The sell-off is documented in regulatory disclosures, as Morneau Sr. is still on the Morneau Shepell board of directors.)

The finance minister himself has been under fire all week over the news he also sold 680,000 Morneau Shepell shares (worth \$10 million) a week before the announcement.

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WARSHIPS OFFERED TO CANADA AT HALF PRICE

\$32B SAVINGS

French-Italian design would be built in Halifax

DAVID PUGLIESE

In a surprise twist in Canada's shipbuilding saga, a foreign consortium is offering the country a way to build a fleet of warships at a guaranteed price of \$30 billion — a potential savings of \$32 billion.

Fincantieri of Italy and Naval Group of France — major forces in international shipbuilding — don't believe the current \$62-billion Canadian Surface Combatant program, already beset with delays and increasing costs, will be successful, industry sources told Postmedia.

Instead, the French and Italian governments have proposed that Canada's chosen contractor, Halifax-based Irving Shipbuilding, build 15 ships based on the consortium's FREMM frigate design, which is proven and is in operation with the French and Italian navies. They are offering to guarantee the cost of the ships at a fixed \$30 billion.

The deal would use Canadian technology on board the ships, sources said, and include the transfer of technology to Canadian firms so they could be involved in future sales of FREMM vessels on the international market.

As well as the French and Italian navies, Morocco and Egypt operate FREMM ships. Australia is considering them for its new naval fleet, and they are seen as a serious contender in the competition to outfit the U.S. Navy with modern frigates.

Bids for the Surface Combatant program were to have been submitted by Thursday to Irving. The company has not responded to a request for comment, and it is not known how receptive it would be to the consortium's proposal.

The Fincantieri-Naval Group gambit is risky, as federal bureaucrats are expected to oppose it.

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Swede gets 10 years for rape over internet

Coerced girls in Canada to perform sex acts

TOM BLACKWELL

At home in Ontario and Alberta, the two young Canadian girls felt they had no choice: perform sexual acts on camera — in one case involving a pet dog — or face terrible consequences.

They were convinced a man they met online would hurt them or their families or humiliate them over the internet if they failed to do his bidding. What they didn't know was that their tormentor was on another continent.

But on Thursday, that Swedish man was convicted of raping and sexually assaulting the girls in Canada and others in two other foreign countries entirely over the internet, a unique prosecution that involved no physical contact between the assailant and his victims.

Bjorn Samstrom, 41, was sentenced in Uppsala Thursday to 10 years in prison — Sweden's stiffest sex-crime penalty — after forcing 27 teenagers here, in Scotland and the United States to perform sex acts on camera.

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